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Criminal Investigations Division

In 2008 we endured some major challenges in the Criminal Investigations Division. We investigated a variety of offenses and apprehended suspects promptly with the cooperation and partnership in both the Investigative and Operations Divisions. We also handled four nationally recognized media cases:

- Hovey Street murders
- Huntington Bank robbery and shooting
- Shooting of a television reporter on scene of a residential fire
- Shooting of Officer Jason Fishburn who was pursuing a serial killer

I believe that in one, if not all of these cases, every officer on our department labored to locate a suspect, a witness, a suspect's vehicle, or communicated to fellow officers relaying pertinent information on these four incidents. All of these cases were solved with the apprehensions of the suspects responsible for the crimes committed. It was a difficult, yet productive year.

The Criminal Investigations Division is comprised of five investigative branches that contain thirty-two specific crime areas. The men and women assigned to the Division have continued to work relentlessly to give victims answers for the crimes that have been committed against them. The mayor's number one goal for our city is to reduce violent crimes so we can live in a safer community. I must say that the Criminal Investigations Divisional Goal is to solve all violent crimes committed. I am proud of the effort that our detectives have put forth to achieve this goal. The future of our department is bright, and new ideas of investigating are endless. Technology and forensic science are improving to track and trace criminals. I look forward to an increase in arrests and the prosecution of suspects in 2009.

Sincerely,
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Narcotics Branch

Narcotics Branch Activity Summary

	Dangerous Drug	DEA Liaison	Metro Drug	Drug Interdiction	FBI Liaison	Totals
Total Arrests	200	70	174	892	109	1,445
Search Warrants	27	17	91	66	N/A	201
Firearms Seized	28	4	46	82	N/A	160
Money Seized	\$156,715	\$2,714,357	\$1,071,516	\$300,666	\$10,580,473	\$14,823,727
Cocaine Seized (pounds)	4.07	58.2	29.16	140.41	N/A	231.84
Methamphetamine Seized (pounds)	0.14	38.3	15.63	1	N/A	55.07
Heroin Seized (grams)	716.04	8,115.6	97	11,548.3	N/A	20,476.94
Marijuana Seized (pounds)	103.41	1,250.01	303.29	1,404.77	N/A	3,061.48

Dangerous Drug Section:

The Dangerous Drug Section is responsible for the investigation of drug cases focusing on the mid to upper-level drug traffickers and organizations. The section identifies and works to dismantle criminal drug organizations and individuals that are importing, manufacturing, and distributing large quantities of controlled substances in the Indianapolis/Marion County area. Close working relationships exist with DEA, U.S. Customs, ATF, and other federal agencies. Emphasis is placed on working with district narcotics units in solving neighborhood problems and violence reduction. The section is comprised of four drug units: a DEA Liaison Squad, Criminal Interdiction, Prescription Fraud Unit, and the Drug Court Coordinator.

Drug Interdiction Section:

The Drug Interdiction Unit is responsible for the interdiction of narcotics destined for the streets of our community while the drugs are still in transit. The section's efforts focus on private, public and commercial transportation and shipping. The section works closely with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Metro Drug Task Force Section:

The Metro Drug Task Force (MDTF) Section is a multi-jurisdictional task force whose mission is to identify and arrest individuals or members of organizations that are selling, delivering, or storing illegal narcotics and/or weapons in Marion County and the adjoining counties. Member agencies include the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Marion County Justice Agency, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Hancock County Sheriff's Department, ATF, and INS. Joint investigations often develop with DEA, U.S. Customs, FBI, and the U.S. Postal Service. MDTF conducts long-term investigations, concentrating on large-scale narcotics trafficking organizations in the Indianapolis area in order to identify persons responsible for the importation of narcotics from source cities within the U.S. and foreign countries.

Organized Crime Branch

Organized Crime Section:

The Organized Crime Section of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department is comprised of the Organized Crime Unit and the Cyber Crime Unit. The Organized Crime Section is responsible for investigating identity theft, fraud on financial institutions, home improvement fraud, counterfeit check rings, bank schemes, pigeon drops, and long term fraud and forgery cases. The unit is further responsible for other investigations upon request of the Chief of Police or his designee. The Cyber Crime unit is responsible for conducting the forensic analysis of digital evidence. This unit acts as a support for all units within the organization as it relates to analyzing the ever changing world of technology. Both the Organized Crime and the Cyber Crime units work with the FBI, Postal Inspector, Secret Service and other law enforcement agencies upon request.

Organized Crime Unit:

Cases Assigned	2,273	Identity Theft Cases	957
Cases Unfounded	677	Detective Arrests	169
Cases Inactivated	1,167	Uniform Arrests	33
Cases Cleared by Arrest	175	Warrants Obtained	79
Cases Exceptionally Cleared	226	Search Warrants	4
Total Cases Cleared	401		
Percentage Cleared	25.2%		

Cyber Crime Unit:

Forensic Exam Request	165	Internet Investigation Request	83
Case referrals to other agencies	7	Forensics request from other departments	13
Computer Examinations	135	On Site Examinations	17
Hard Drive Exams	140	Search warrant assistance	138
Hours Internet Research	2,340	Images of suspects duplicated	2,400
Duplication of CDs/DVDs	650		
Media Examinations (Floppy Disc, CDs, DVDs, memory cards)			1700
National White Collar Crime referrals, and Investigations			7

Financial Crimes Section:

The Financial Crimes Section investigates several types of crime including fraud on a financial institution, home improvement fraud, counterfeit checks, money orders, travelers checks, counterfeit money and forgery. The Section also investigates ATM and debit card misuse, credit card fraud and fraudulent use of checks such as NSF, closed accounts and empty envelope deposits and simultaneous withdrawals. The Section also supports other units within the Department with financial or banking expertise and contacts. The unit interacts with bank investigators and other law enforcement agencies on a daily basis.

Cases assigned	3,394	Detective arrests	372
Cases unfounded	127	Uniform arrests	102
Cases inactivated	1,018	Warrants obtained	368
Cases cleared by arrest	386	Summons obtained	2
Cases exceptionally cleared	446	Search warrants	2
Total cases cleared	832		
Percentage cleared	25%		

Arson Section:

The Arson Section is responsible for investigating all suspicious fires, fires resulting in over \$100,000 in damage, serious fire injuries, and fire fatalities occurring in the Indianapolis Fire Department's service district. The section is comprised of four teams, each consisting of one firefighter and one police officer. Each firefighter and police officer is cross-trained in law enforcement and fire investigations. These teams work together to determine fire origin and cause, and to prosecute arsonists. The section is also responsible for the Fire Stop Program that provides counseling and education to juvenile fire starters.

Arson Investigations	448	Vandalism Cases	14
Fire Investigations	245	Juveniles Ordered In	144
Total Investigations	693	Fire Related Deaths	16
Cases Assigned	693		
Cases Unfounded	245		
Detective Arrests	53	Arson Dollar Loss	\$10,482,550
Uniform Arrests	27	Fire Investigations Loss	\$10,846,545
Total Arrests	80	Total Dollar Loss	\$21,329,095
Warrants Obtained	16		
Total Cases Cleared	129		
Percentage Cleared	28.3%		

Vehicle Theft Section:

The primary mission of the Vehicle Theft Section is the follow-up investigation of reported stolen vehicles. Other activities included the inspection of vehicles where the true identity is in question, salvage inspections, inspection of vehicles when forfeiture has been requested, fraudulent titles, and enforcement of Title IX with licensed car dealers and licensed salvage lots. The investigators continue to work with all areas of IMPD, outside law enforcement agencies, BMV, NICB, and insurance companies in efforts to recover and reduce stolen vehicles.

Cases Assigned	7,815	Vehicles Inspected	688
Cases Unfounded	178	Altered Vehicles Inspected	178
Cases Inactivated	5,174	Salvage Inspections	1,195
Cases Cleared by Arrest	726	Forfeiture Inspections	695
Cases Exceptionally Cleared	972	Business Inspections	19
Total Cases Cleared	1,698	MVINs Written/Installed	576
Percentage Cleared	23.23%	Stop Titles Requested	152
Detective Arrests	67	Assisting Others	265
Uniform Arrests	836	Recovered Vehicles	246
Capias Obtained	29	Recovered Altered Vehicles	60
Warrants Obtained	67	Value of Recovered Vehicles	\$1,661,730.00
Search Warrants	5	Value of Altered Vehicles	\$405,300.00

Homicide and Robbery Branch

The Homicide and Robbery Branch consisted of the following as of December 31, 2008: Homicide Section, Robbery Section, Firearms Investigations Unit, Aggravated Assault Unit, Cold Case Unit and Forensic Video Analysis Unit.

Homicide Section:

Cases Assigned	490	Detective Arrests	109
Cases Unfounded	1	Uniform Arrests	9
Cases Inactivated	21	Warrants Obtained	25
Cases Cleared by Arrest	94	Search Warrants	64
Cases Exceptionally Cleared	286		
Total Cases Cleared	380		
Percentage Cleared	77.5%		

Robbery Section:

Cases Assigned	2,643	Detective Arrests	344
Cases Unfounded	32	Uniform Arrests	139
Cases Inactivated	1,762	Warrants Obtained	138
Cases Cleared by Arrest	355	Search Warrants	70
Total Cases Cleared	737		
Percentage Cleared	28.2%		

Aggravated Assault Unit:

Cases Assigned	436	Detective Arrests	81
Cases Unfounded	3	Uniform Arrests	39
Cases Inactivated	193	Warrants Obtained	20
Cases Cleared by Arrest	97	Search Warrants	10
Total Cases Cleared	237		
Percentage Cleared	54.7%		

Firearms Investigations Unit:

Cases Assigned	488	Detective Arrests	6
Cases Inactivated	1	Uniform Arrests	589
Cases Cleared by Arrest	448		
Total Cases Cleared	471		
Percentage Cleared	96.5%		

Cold Case Unit:

The Cold Case Unit investigates unsolved homicide cases more than two years old or where the assigned detective has retired or been reassigned. The unit solved two such cases in 2008.

Forensic Video Analysis Unit:



The Forensic Video Analysis (FVA) unit assists the investigative units of the Criminal Investigations Division by supplying scientific analysis, evaluation and or comparison of analog and digital based video and still pictures, to facilitate the investigation of serious crimes. The unit develops investigative leads for detectives from surveillance video available at or near crime scenes, creates and distributes BOLO sheets containing suspects' pictures and detective contact information and compares suspect images from multiple crimes and identifies serial criminal behavior. The FVA unit routinely submits dozens of suspect pictures and case summaries to Crime Stoppers on a monthly basis as well as prepares and supports court presentations for criminal trials. The FVA unit also assists detectives in the recovery of video from complicated crime scenes or video systems.



Logged Cases	360
BOLOs Created	108
Individual Case BOLOs	87
Suspects Identified in BOLOs	35


REWARD

\$10,000

For Information Leading to the Arrest and Conviction of the Person (s) responsible for the Robbery of
The Huntington National Bank
 Located at 21st Street and Post Road
 On April 22, 2008.



Contact IMPD Robbery at (317) 327-3733
 Reward Sponsored by The Huntington National Bank

On April 22, 2008 a masked gun man robbed an east side Huntington National Bank while armed with a semi-automatic assault rifle. During the robbery, a bank teller, late in her pregnancy, was shot without provocation. This shooting resulted in the deaths of both of the teller's unborn babies. The crime scene was scarce with physical evidence as well as other investigative leads. As a result the IMPD pursued an eight week intensive media campaign, which included a \$10,000.00 reward offer, through news broadcasts, neighborhood canvassing, and multiple BOLO distribution efforts throughout the entire metropolitan area. This campaign culminated with the identification and arrest of two suspects.

The depicted poster was a portion of an intense media campaign requesting lead information from the general public.

Investigations Division Office Branch**Property Recovery Unit:**

Pawn/Second Hand Store Inspections	1,120
Pawned Article Entries Made	372,923
Stolen Article Entries Made	8,113
Stolen Items Recovered	1,773
Total Value of Items Recovered	\$696,984

Domestic and Sexual Violence Branch

The Domestic and Sexual Violence Branch consisted of the following as of December 31, 2008: Domestic Violence Section, Sex Offense Section, Child Abuse Section, Victim Assistance Section, and the Good Touch-Bad Touch Program.

Domestic Violence Section:

Cases Assigned	4,480	Detective Arrests	1,534
Cases Unfounded	17	Uniform Arrests	1,778
Cases Inactivated	251	Warrants Obtained	1,383
Cases Cleared by Arrest	3,178	Summons Obtained	16
Cases Exceptionally Cleared	1,020	Search Warrants	2
Total Cases Cleared	4,198		
Percentage Cleared	94.1%		

Sex Offense Section:

Cases Assigned	889	Detective Arrests	166
Cases Unfounded	88	Uniform Arrests	32
Cases Inactivated	273	Warrants Obtained	89
Cases Cleared by Arrest	168	Summons Obtained	6
Cases Exceptionally Cleared	408	Search Warrants	38
Total Cases Cleared	576		
Percentage Cleared	71.9%		

Child Abuse Section:

Cases Assigned	819	Detective Arrests	327
Cases Unfounded	44	Uniform Arrests	211
Cases Inactivated	65	Warrants Obtained	33
Cases Cleared by Arrest	476	Summons Obtained	1
Cases Exceptionally Cleared	235	Search Warrants	26
Total Cases Cleared	711		
Percentage Cleared	91.7%		

Victim Assistance Section:

Called to assist with the following:

Deaths	1,785	Threatening Phone Calls	888
Assaults	2,033	Follow-up Investigations	2,719
Robberies	2,080	Transportation	777
Burglaries	187	Miscellaneous	1,477
Sex Crimes Investigations	1,243	Total Contacts	18,791
Domestic Violence	4,977		
Child Abuse/Neglect	625		

Good Touch-Bad Touch Program:

Program Presentations	351	Children Interviewed	1,727
Children	21,532	Child Molests Reported	367
Adults	2,258		
Total Attendance	23,790		

Juvenile Branch

The Juvenile Branch consisted of the following units as of December 31, 2008: General Assignments, Missing Persons Investigations and Juvenile Records.

General Assignments Unit:

Cases Assigned	3,036	Detective Arrests	483
Cases Unfounded	34	Uniform Arrests	2,076
Cases Inactivated	268	Warrants and Summons Obtained	85
Cases Cleared by Arrest	1,978		
Case Exceptionally Cleared	633		
Total Cases Cleared	2,611		
Percentage Cleared	86.0%		

Records Unit:

Juveniles Referred by IMPD	5,100
Male	3,358
Female	1,726
Unknown	16
Racial Breakdown:	
White	1,748
Black	2,803
Hispanic	314
Multi-racial	199
Indian	2
Asian	11
Unspecified	10
Unknown	3
Other	10

Missing Persons Unit:

	Reported	Cleared
Runaways	4,032	3,982
Missing Adults/Children	900	894
Non-Custodial Abductions	58	58
Miscellaneous*	224	224
Total Cases	5,214	5,158
Percentage Cleared		99.0%

* Includes reports that could not be retitled: Apprehended Runaways, CHINS, Conversion-Vehicle, Domestic, Immediate Detention, Investigations, Juvenile Arrests, Kidnap, Attempt Kidnap, Child Stealing, Kidnap-Family, Located Missing Person, Located Runaway, Other and Stalking.

Strategic Investigations Branch

The Strategic Investigations Branch consisted of the following areas as of December 31, 2008: Crime Action Team, Criminal Gang Investigation Section, Vice Section, Achilles Unit and Violent Crimes Section.

Crime Action Team:

The Crime Action/Abatement Team (CAT Team) is responsible for investigating large scale fencing operations and retail theft rings, as well as providing a direct liaison to the retail community of the Indianapolis area. The CAT Team investigates burglary rings and large organized theft operations in support of the uniform and investigative units. The CAT Team is responsible for investigating murder-for-hire cases where a murder has not occurred, and for supporting the Homicide Branch where a murder has occurred. The CAT Team also has primary responsibility for investigating trademark/copyright infringement and piratical activity involving the music and movie industries. The CAT Team specializes in surveillance techniques and supports undercover operations of other investigative units.

Cases Assigned	126
Arrests	24
Cases Cleared by Arrests	27
Cases Exceptionally Cleared	6
Cases Unfounded	5
Inactive	9
Search Warrants	17
Value of Recovered Property	\$1,200,543

Criminal Gang Investigation Section:

The Gang Section was formed in the late 1980's. The mission of the Criminal Gang Investigation Section is to identify and dismantle Indianapolis/Marion County street gangs. The Gang Section conducts investigations of these gangs as violent criminal enterprises in order to prosecute the hierarchy and membership. This is done utilizing the Federal and State Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statutes and other applicable Federal and State laws. Specific emphasis will be placed on those gangs which are committing high impact violent crimes including, but not limited to, homicide, felonious assault, drug trafficking, extortion, and weapons violations. This Section although not assigned to any one federal agency does work with all agencies. Agencies that have Agents/Officers assigned here are Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), Marion County Prosecutors Office and the United States Department of Agriculture/Office of Inspector General (USDA/OIG). One of the major projects is Operation Community Shield; targeting known and suspected gang members that are in this country illegally.

Additionally, the Criminal Gang Investigation Section also has expanded the gang membership list and its uses. New gang contact sheets have been printed and are being issued to all officers. Currently, efforts are underway to have the contact sheets available electronically to all officers in their vehicles. The Gang Member list is available online to Gang Investigators. We are working closely with the Indiana Fusion Center and other agencies to bring a state wide gang data base online, that would be accessible to all officers.

Gang Demographics:

A Gang Set is the "Nation" that a gang/gang clique usually belongs to.

Gangs Sets	15	Gangs/Gang Cliques	236
Confirmed Members	912	Suspected Gang Members	1,039

Vice Section:

The Vice Section provided assistance to neighborhoods throughout the city in order to have an immediate effect on the quality of life. Comprised of day and evening squads, the section enforces prostitution, gambling, public indecency, pornography, child pornography and solicitation/internet crimes against children and underage drinking laws. Investigations are self-initiated as well as based on neighborhood complaints.

2008 VICE ARRESTS

Commercial Sex	658
Public Indecency	49
Gambling	23
City Ordinances	98
Alcohol Offenses	14
Child Solicitation	5
Possession of Porn	2
Miscellaneous Arrests	63
Total	912

Achilles Unit:

The Achilles Unit performed many tasks during 2008, including assisting the Homicide Unit with the Hovey Street investigation. The Achilles Unit also assisted the Robbery Unit in the Huntington Bank investigation, locating one gun and possibly tracing a second. Achilles and ATF assisted Chicago P.D. with an investigation on the shooting of a police officer. Achilles assisted Parole with sweeps and/or investigations on at least five occasions. Achilles TFO's and S/A's also assisted IMPD with the investigation and apprehension of an armed robbery crew committing 13+ business robberies. The Achilles Unit also assisted with the investigation of two gun store burglaries, the second of which resulted in six arrests. The Achilles Unit also took lead in the investigation of a suspect from Ohio who was physically threatening an IMPD officer and his family. The unit successfully obtained an arrest and conviction. The Achilles Unit took the lead in a Title III wire investigation in coordination with Dangerous Drugs, State Police, and ATF. Investigative activities included multiple hours of surveillance, wire monitoring, conducting interdiction stops, intelligence gathering, conducting confidential informant deals, etc.

Total Arrests	115(25 Federal)
Firearms Seized	225
Miscellaneous Seized	2 Destructive Devices over 1,000 lbs. of ammunition
Search Warrants	19
U.S. Currency Seized	\$ 6,931.00
Cocaine Seized (grams)	1,571.59g
Marijuana Seized (grams)	692.52g
Methamphetamine Seized (grams)	168g
Vehicles Seized	10
Slate Cases Reviewed For possible Federal prosecution	1,764
Call-Outs Assisting Uniform & Detectives	121

Violent Crimes Section:

The primary responsibility of the Violent Crimes Section is to assist the Homicide Unit, Aggravated Assault Unit, Robbery Unit, and the Sex Crimes Unit with the apprehension of suspects, locating witnesses, persons of interest, and wanted individuals. The section also assists other IMPD units and outside agencies with ongoing investigations. When not assisting on investigations for other units, the Violent Crimes detectives work cases involving individuals on the Viper List. The section is very pro-active, and was responsible for several arrests in 2008, including the seizure of narcotics, weapons, and vehicles.